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May the Christmas season bring good cheer, and happiness to all the readers of the Visitor.

LUKE, 2:10-11.

And the angel said unto them. 'Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

Hark, on the wind the Christmas bells!
So clear, so soft, so far they sound—
So fairy-like their music swells
Above our heads and all around!

As if it flowed from seraphs' wings, As up and down the skies they climb, To earthly ears there floats and rings The echoes of that silver chime.

Glad news to us their voices bear—
Oh, bells that ng glad Christmas in—
Ring out the chill of worthly care,
And let the new of thing of negin

Ring out, (S-till night is past
Till cloud 1 shadows e-al away.

And in the stern skies at last,
Breaks 4 sclear dawn of Christmas day!

CHRISTMAS ONCE IS CHRISTMAS STILL.

BY PHILLIP BROOKS.

The silent skies are full of speech
For who hath ears to hear;
The winds are whispering each to each,
The moon is calling to the beach,
And stars their sacred wisdom teach
Of Faith, and Love, and Fear.

But once the sky its silence broke, And song o'erflowed the earth, The midnight air with glory shook, And angels mortal language spoke, When our human nature took In Christ the Saviour's birth.

And Christmas once is Christmas will; The gates through which he ware, And forests wild and murmurilg will. And faithful field and breezy bell, And all that else the wide world fill Are yocal with His name.

Shall we not listen while they sing
This latest Christmas morn;
And music hear in every thing,
And faithful lives in tribule bring
To the great song which greets the King
Who comes when Christ is born?

SANTA CLAUS.

A health to good old Santa Claus.
And to his reindeer bold,
Whose hoofs are shod with eider-down,
Whose horns are tipped with gold.

He comes from utmost fairy land
Across the wintry snow:
He makes the fir-tree and the spruce
To blossom like the rose.

Over the quaint old gables,
Over the wintry ridge,
By the turret wall and chimney tall,
He guides his fairy sledge,

Along the sleeping house-tops
Its silver runners trend,
All loaded down with wonder-books,
And tales without an end.

He tells us of the Yule-log
That blazed in Saxon halls
Of the March pane and the Mistletoe
And the minstrels merry calls,

Of Christmas candles burning bright In ages long ago; Those long dark ages when the world Turned round so yery slow.

He scatters blessings on his way And sugar coated plums, He robs the sluggard of his rest With trumpets, guns and drums.

A health to brave old Santa Claus

And to his reindeer bold,

Whose hoofs are shod with eider-down

Whose horns are tipped with gold.

OLD AND NEW YEAR.

Old year—and art thou with us yet?
No lorger can we dimly transport to the state of the state of

But faithfus wind, we thank thee now,
For all that thou hast given to bless
The days gone by, sweet hopes to grow
Into some future happiness.

Forgetting all that made us sad,
We only in our hearts retain
Thy sunshine, and thy memories glad,
The gifts and blessings that remain.

And as the moments slip away

The midnight bells sweep o'er the 'ky
"Good bye, old year"—we softly say—
"Oh dear old year—good bye—good bye!"

"Go long tried friend—we part in peace— Thine hour is come, thy tale is told— Time gives the signal for release— And thou art with the days of old!"

Then as across the drifted snows,
The lingering footsteps die away,
A silence on us falls and grows—
We fold our hands and only pray.

God bless for us this glad young year Which up the far horizon springs, To all we hold most near and dear, May it bring fair and gracious things.

"God bless the glad young year we pray—God bless alike its shade and shine.
And shoot athwart its darkest sky
Some rainbow of love divine."

Behold! it dawns in skies of blue— A token fair to great and small— "God make this year so fresh and new "A year of blessing to us all!"

The annual congregational meeting and election of the Salem Reform Church at Collingwood will be held January 3rd, at 2 p. m. The pastor expects to be at this meetin, and also conduct services in the evening.

BAZAAR.

The Bazaar is over, and every person is delighted with the results. The rooms were too small, and the time of holding the Bazaar was not just the most opportune; no soliciting was done among the business men, the net receipts are therefore larger than had been anticipated. ladies did lots of hard work, but did it cheerfully and courageously, and now feel well repaid for their labors. We give below an exhibit of receipts and expenditures of the Bazaar, as they are gleamed from the Secretary's book. DOMESTIC BOOTH

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Total Receipts of Bazaar to date, Dec. 12	. 776	
Total Expenditures	. 199	36
	\$577	0=

There is still some money to come in, and quite a supply of domestic goods to be disposed of. So that the total net receipts may finally reach nearly \$600. The amount of \$577,05 added to the Ladies' fund already on hand for the new church will be quite a stride ahead. A few more such strides will double the amount they were expected to raise for the building. Keep on ladies, you are exceeding yourselves.

According to an act of the Consistory we are by the beginning of the
New Year to have Gospel Hymns,
No. 5 and 6 Combined, for use in our
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Poard of brungers Rev. A. K. Zartman, F. D. Paulus, and D. W. Souder.

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With this issue the Visitor completes its fourth year of existence. We are glad to know that the paper has met with the favor of the church and its patrons in general. We feel confident that it has been serving a good purpose among the people, and has financially been a success to the church. We are thankful for all past patronage, and trust that the Visitor may have as substantial a lein of life in the future as it has had in the past. Every family in Grace Church should take special pride and interest in supporting the paper, making it as much and in of a success friancially, and newerv other particular as possible. A few of our families are not subscribers. Why this is we are not able to know. They are readers of the Visitor, and it is in all probatilley a limitter of neglect cu their part that they fail to contribute the small sum of 25 cents annually to the support of the paper. Some of our families pay for three, four and five copies of the VISITOR, and have it sent to friends abroad. We are very grateful for such manifest interest and liberal support. Let the coming year mark a new epoch of interest in the VISITOR. Every familv should subscribe for it, and every member of the church should secure as many subscribers for it as possible.

The first number of the new year will in all probability not be issued until the later part of January or the first of February. We ask therefore that our readers may exercise due patience and forbearance.

The Winter Communion Service will be held Sabbath morning January 29th. Special services will be held during the two or three weeks previous. It is hoped that every member of the church will find it a delight to attend these services and do all they can to make this a season of refreshing to the church, and the conversion of souls. There are a large number of persons who attend our services, and who have no church home. We cordially welcome them

to our church and are anxious to have them make their home with us. Let us pray for them, and win them for Christ. The church needs a reviving of spiritual life, and of devotion to the Lord. During these seasons of prayer and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, shall we not as a church unitedly and earnestly pray for God's blessing upon us, and for a harvest of souls? It will be well for each one to confess his sins of indifference and transgression to the Lord, and pray god for a new baptism of the spirit.

CHRISTMAS AT GRACE CHURCH.

Christmas morning the pastor will preach a Christmas sermon. In the evening there will be exercises by the children, and for the children and their parents and friends. The Christmas offerings, for which envelopes have been specially provided, should be brought to the church on Christmas day, either morning or evening. It is hoped that every boy and girl, and everyone will remember the Lord's cause liberally on this day. On Monday evening, December 26th, a cantata will be rendered by the children, and at the close of this service, the children will receive their boxes of candies, &c. We hope this may be a happy Christmas season for our church, Sabbath school and all our homes. Above all, let us not lose sight of the Babe in the manger.

Statements were sent recently to all the members of the church of their payments and dues for the year. The Consistory hopes that by the last Sabbath of the year Dec. 25, all obligations will be met in full. Subscription cards were also enclosed, these are to be filled out according to the directions, and returned to Deacon J. L. Horn on or before Dec. 25. Envelopes for Christmas offerings were also enclosed. These should be brought to the church Christmas morning or evening. In our giving of gifts let us not forget the Lord. If only one-tenth of what we spend for gifts would be given to Lord, how much would be realized for the Master's cause, and how He would be rejoiced with our offerings.

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NUPTIAL FELICITIES.

Saturday afternoon Oct. 17th, Michael Hensinger and Elma Baty of the vicinity of Collingwood, Ind., were married at the parsonage. In the evening a reception was tendered the bride and groom, at the former home of the bride, and on the following day at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hensinger. the home of the groom. The guests present at the receptions report a very pleasant time. Mr. and Mrs. Hensinger will reside at Auburn, Ind., where Mr. Hensinger is engaged in business.

Thursday evening, Nov. 3rd, at the home of Mrs. William Robertson's 86 Brackenridge street, her daughter Jessie was married to Mr. Charles W. Habecker. At 8 o'clock the bridal party entered the south room of the home and in a brief ceremony addressed by the pastor, were pronounced husband and wife, groom is a promising young man who has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company as brakeman for sometime. The bride is a very pleasant and amiable young lady, and both have many friends in this city. The company present were the immediate friends of the bride and groom. After the mony the sts were served with an elaborate open. Ar and Mrs. thecker left on No. 3 for Chicago and will visit friends there for a few days. After their return they will reside in the eastern part of the city.

TICKET.

Annual Electon, January 2,

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Eugene Mathis, John Vodermark Jr.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson, residing on Home avenue, died Monday evevening Nov. 28th. Aged 1 month and 9 days. Was buried on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 30th. This family has our sympathy and prayer in their breavement.

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Winter Communion services Sabbath morning Vanuary 29th,

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Madel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Grubb, was baptized Sabbath morning Dec.

morning Dec.

The pastor has a supply of Church Almanacs for 1893 on hand. They are cheap at 10 cents.

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The band from the Home for Feeble Minded Youth furnished music for one evening at the Bazar. The boys did splendidly.

The State Christian Endeavor Convention was largely attended, and the exercises were of the most interesting and inspiring character throughout. The next convention will be held at Terre Haute.

It is likely that the "Jolly Farmers" will give their Cantata at the church for the entertainment Monday evening, Jan 2. A great many who heard it during the Bazaar have requested that it should be repeated.

Rev. Dr. Peters, President of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, spent Tuesday night, November 23, at the parsonage. We enjoyed the Dr.'s visit yery much. We shall hope to see him in Fort Wayne soon again, when he can stay longer, and make the acquaintance of more of our peo-

ple. He informs us that matters are moving along very pleasantly at the University.

Mrs James Vinning, C. C. Gumpper and Willie Rudisil have been on the sick list for a few weeks past, From latest reports they are all improving and will soon be themselves again.

The different treasurers of the church and church societies, who have reports to make at the annual meeting January 2, should prepare the same carefully, and present all their vouchers with the reports.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Zartman, the pastor's parents, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. B. Mechling, sister and brother-in-law of the pastor, recently made a trip to Eastern cities, visiting with friends at Philadelphia and other cities in Pennsylvania. They were very much pleased with their trip and visits.

Persons desiring to subscribe for the Christian World, or wishing to renew their subscriptions, can do so through the pastor. He will cheerfully forward their subscriptions to the publishing company. Every family in Grace church should have the paper in their home. When you make out your list of papers for the next year, be sure to put the Christian World at the head of the list.

The Annual Congregational meeting and election will be held Monday afternoon January 2nd, at 2 o'clock. This will be an important meeting and every member of the church should be present. At this meeting the Treasurer of the church, and the treasurers of the different societies will make annual their ports. Church and Sabbath School will officers be elected this meeting. We give elsewhere in this issue the ticket nominated by the Consistory at their meeting Deccember 14th. In the evening from 5 to 8 p. m., a supper will be given at the church parlors, also an entertainment from 8 to 9. At this supper a plate will be set for every member of the church, and unless detained by sickness, we hope no one will be absent. Preparations will be made to furnish supper for a large number of our friends, who we know will be glad to take supper and spend the evening with us. Every member of the church will constitute a part of the committee to furnish for and to assist at this supper. Tickcts for supper and admittance to the entertainment will be furnished for 25 cents. Get some of these tickets and sell them to your friends.

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What has the Year Dec. 18. Taught Us? I. Sam. 7:12; I Peter 2:10-13. Miss Mast.

Dec. 25. The Base of Bethlehem. Wnat Gifts Shall We Bring to Him? Matt. 2:1-11; Heb. 13:15-16. Vordermark.

Jan. 1. Willing Offerings to God. Ezra 1:4-6; 2 Cor. 8:5-12. Etta Souder.

Jan. 8. The Duty of Every Day. Are We Doing It? Ezra 3:4; Eph. 6:6-8. Lillie Walters.

Jan. 15. Strength for God's Work, How to Obtain It and How to Use It. Haggai 2;4; Cor. 1:9-11. A. K. Zartman.

Jan. 22. God's Covenant. Zech. 3:7; John 15:7-8. Lillie Vordermark. Jan 29. Christian Endeavor Day. The Day of Small Things. Blessing Upon It. Zech. 4:10; Job 8:5-7. Eugene Mathis.

Feb. 5. Joy in God's Service and in His House. Ezra 6:16: Rom. 14: 16-19. Birdie Saffen.

JUNIOR SOCIETY.

Dec, 18. Christmas Day. Luke 2:7-14. Josie Zartman.

----Dec. 15th, the lecture rooms of the church received a thorough renovation. It was hard work, but was well done. The ladies at their monthly meeting decided that all the families that could not assist in the work should pay fifty cents to the treasurer, Mrs. Connett, to defray the expense of cleaning the carpet. Have you paid your 50 cents? Quite a number have.

Mrs. J. L. Horn has been confined to the home for four or five months on account of illness. She has the sympathy and prayers of the church in her prolonged affliction. We miss her very much from our church services and other meetings. We trust she may soon again regain her strength, and be able to enjoy life.

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